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14. (Amended) Process according to claim 10,
[characterized therein that] wherein an activation voltage
source is assigned to the electrode which permanently confers
on the electrodes [them] a quasi electrostatic potential
difference [of several volts] whereby this quasi electrostatic
potential difference is superimposed on the inherent voltage
difference of the cells.

Please amend claims 18-22 as follows.

Claim 18, line 12, delete "selected".

Claim 19, line 1, delete "characterized" and insert
therefor --wherein--;

line 2, delete "therein that".

Claim 20, line 1, delete "characterized" and insert
therefor --wherein--;

line 2, delete "therein that".

Claim 21, line 2, delete "therein that";

line 4, delete "-remaining ";

line 6, delete "-remaining ".

Claim 22, line 4, delete "of several volts".

REMARKS

Claims 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second
paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly
point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which
applicant regards as the invention.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims

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have now been amended or rewritten to overcome the rejection based upon indefiniteness.

With respect to the term "quasi electrostatic potential difference", this term means that the potential difference is similar to an electrostatic potential difference, i.e., that the difference functions in the same way as an electrostatic potential difference even though, strictly speaking, it is not exactly an electrostatic potential difference.

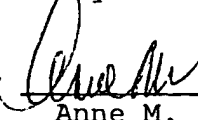
The disclosure is objected to because certain cited numerals are now found in the drawings. Accordingly, submitted herewith are amended drawings with the numerals shown in red pencil.

It is noted that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is merely considered to be pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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